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TO : Chairman, Subcommittee #1
FROM : Chief, FBIS/USARYIS
SUBJECT: TCN's
REF : Your 8 & 9 Feb memoranda, same subject

USFJ Policy Ltr #30-8, dtd 5 Feb '69, subject:
Employment and Reporting of TCN's


1. According to the referenced policy letter, "...the United States committed itself to the reduction by attrition of those TCN's then employed by the U.S. Forces in Japan and to the direct hire of TCN employees only if no U.S. or Japanese personnel were available who possessed the special skills required for the positions under recruitment. These special skills were considered to be those requiring highly technical training such as in intelligence operations, linguistics, and psychological warfare."

2. The FBIS mission involves the collection of overt intelligence from open radio and press sources; this, in turn, concerns linguistics. FBIS TCN personnel therefore meet two of the three special requirements which apparently puts their employment outside the commitment stipulated in the referenced policy letter.

3. The GOJ is aware of every facet of the FBIS mission and of its standard operating procedures to fulfill that mission. The highest levels in the GOJ realize that the FBIS operation is unique and that TCN linguists are indispensable. They have stated no objection to continuation of the FBIS operation in its present mode and with its TCN staff.

4. For the above reasons we feel it is unwise to present biographic sketches of our TCN personnel. We fear these sketches would be filed with sketches of other TCN's from other organizations which do have missions requiring the special skills listed in the USFJ policy letter. This would inevitably expose FBIS and its TCN's to unnecessary scrutiny. The full name list of our TCN's, which already is on record, should suffice.

5. If and when GOJ authorities directly request biographic sketches of FBIS TCN personnel we would, of course, comply.


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